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Title: **COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR OPTIMIZING CLEAVAGE
OF RNA BY RNASE H**

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Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE**

In response to the Notification of Defective Response dated 08/22/2008 and preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows:

- Amendments to the Specification** begin on page **2** this paper.
- Remarks/Arguments** begin on page **3** of this paper.